

WRITTEN DECISION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL
EXAMINATION AUTHORITY (SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET) PCT/EP2004/053648

Re. Point V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statements

Claim 1 relates to a method for administration of communication sessions by a central control device of a packet-oriented communication system. A first mobile station is in this method simultaneously **assigned to at least two active communication groups** of different mobile stations. In accordance with the claimed method the first mobile station transmits a session prioritization to the central control device. The session prioritization specifies the communication session (i.e. the group) in which the first mobile station wishes to participate in an **active participation state** the communication session in which the first mobile station wishes to participate in a **passive participation state**. The central control device switches/control the participation state of the first mobile station into the corresponding groups in accordance with the session prioritization. Claim 1 relates to also a method for **toggling between group communication sessions**.

Such a method, in which a first mobile station is simultaneously assigned to a number of active groups and controls the group session in which it wishes to participate actively and passively without the other group sessions having to be ended cannot be taken from the available objection is thus not approached by these either individually or in combination.

In the document cited **US-B-6 650 908**, although a method is described, in which a first mobile station switches a first communication connection to hold in order to participate in a group call. However this method is not symmetrical, i.e. the first communication connection is not a group session but a

dedicated, private connection running via a different control device from the group call. Only when the group call is ended will the first communication connection be continued. It gives no information about how this method could be expanded symmetrically for toggling a number of group communication sessions.

As a result, the object of the claim 1 is to be seen as new and inventive,

Article 33 (2) (3) PCT. The object of the claim 1 is also industrially applicable, Article 33 (4) PCT.

The above statements apply equally to the **independent claims 17 and 20** which define a corresponding communication system and a central control device which are defined specifically for executing the method in accordance with claim 1. Claims 17 and 20 thus also meet all requirements of Article 33 PCT.

The **independent claims 2 to 16, 18 and 19** contain advantageous further developments of the objects of claims 1 and 17 and thus also meet the requirements to be imposed on them regarding novelty, industrial step and industrial applicability.

Further remarks

A document which reflects the prior art described on Page 1, has not been specified in the description (Rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT).

Furthermore, contrary to the requirements of Rules 5.1 a) ii) PCT, neither the relevant prior art disclosed in the document D1 nor this document are specified in the description.

The expression "Best-Afford" method on Page 13, Line 28 of the document should read "Best-Effort" method.